

Buncombe County Board of Elections

Asheville/Buncombe County League of Women Voters

Monitor Name: Aiden Carson

Meeting Date and Time: May 16, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Names of Board Members Attending:

Jake Quinn, Chairman

Linda Block, Secretary

Steven Aceto, Board Member

Glen Shults, Board Member

Robert (Bo) Carpenter, Board Member, was absent

Staff Attending:

Corinne Duncan (Director)

Jacqueline Austin (Absentee Program Coordinator)

Joyce Kanavel (Voter Registration Specialist)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

Chairman Quinn welcomed the attendees in the room and the virtual attendees.

Agenda Items:

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the previous two meetings (May 10 & 13), but then Mr. Aceto asked to review them, so the approval was rescinded and deferred to the next meeting.
- **Office updates:** Director Corrine Duncan

She stated that all 80 sites are getting ready for Election day (the following day). Early Voting is complete with over 24,500 people voting early.

Mr. Aceto expressed a desire to personally visit some of the outlying/low volume polling stations on Election Day, though he said he knows it's discouraged. Chairman Quinn suggested he try to choose a time when no voters are present in order to avoid disrupting the process by his presence. He was given a list of outlying polling locations.

Absentee Ballot Review: Jacqueline Austin

- There were 0 Military ballots, 11 Overseas ballots and 235 Civilian ballots
- When the Board members were opening the ballots and reviewing the envelopes, they came upon one where one of the witnesses had filled in his name on the “print name here” line but not on the “signature” line. There was discussion as to whether the ballot should be accepted as having no signature. If a witness signs on the wrong line, it is generally seen as acceptable. But they decided the printed name was not a signature and voted to disapprove the ballot. The voter will be notified and encouraged to vote on Election Day.
- The Overseas Ballots were checked in the usual fashion and given to the Duplicating team for duplication. When they finished Chairman Quinn asked them the “usual” questions.
- An attendee asked how many Absentee Ballots were issued versus how many were returned. 2498 were issued, and so far 1383 have been received.
- Evidently Ms. Austin prepares a list of all Early Votes cast since the last meeting, and since the list of 4951 names runs to hundreds of pages, she asked if it would be acceptable for the Board Members to review a pdf instead of a printout. That was deemed acceptable.
- 9 Absentee Ballots were recommended for disapproval (including the one described earlier). The Board voted unanimously to disapprove all 9.
- A motion was made by Chrm. Quinn to approve the 234 Civilian absentee ballots that were reviewed, and the 11 Overseas ballots that were reviewed. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The ballots were placed in a red bag, a pink bag, and two blue bags. I didn’t get exactly what ballots were in each. The Board members each signed the bags.

At 7:36 the meeting was adjourned.